GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:482
ANSWERED ON:27.08.2001
INTER-CONNECTION TO PRIVATE BASIC TELECOM SERVICE PROVIDERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has refused inter-connection to private basic telecom service providers;

(b) if so, the grounds for such refusal;

(c) whether the Department of Telecommunication has disapproved the stand taken by BSNL;

(d) if so, the facts thereof;

(e) whether some of the private basic service providers are facing problems due to this refusal; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STA QUESTION NO. 482 FOR 27th AUGUST, 2001 REGARDING INTER-CONNECTION TO PRIVATE BASIC TELECOM SER PROVIDERS.

According to available information, Points of Interconnection (POIs) are being provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) as per procedure prescribed in the Interconnection Agreement after placing of firm demand by the operator seeking such interconnection. Wherever BSNL does not have adequate capacities in its switches to meet such demand, BSNL has proposed for provision of new capacity on Rent & Guarantee basis. It has been suggested to BSNL to review the provisions in their exchanges keeping in view the anticipated demand in a progressive multi-operator environment. After such review, BSNL has further issued demand notes for provision of point of interconnections to the extent feasible, to cater to the demand of points of interconnection.